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Friday - 23 April 1971

1. (Internal Use Only - JGO) I called Mr. A. Sidney Buford, INA, in response to his earlier call to Mr. Houston, OGC, concerning forthcoming hearings in the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee concerning the Ervin bill. I filled Mr. Buford in on the current information available from the Committee and learned that the Department has done little so far in the way of current review on preparation for the hearings. Mr. Buford expressed his appreciation for the call and asked that I contact his assistant, Mr. George C. Denney, the first of the week since he himself will be leaving the city for a week or so.
2. (Confidential - JMM) Mr. Meyer, ADDP, and I accompanied Messrs. David Abshire and John Baker, State Department, to a meeting with Chairman George Mahon, House Appropriations Committee, and Mr. Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, regarding Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. See Memo for Record for details.
3. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Received a call from Mr. John Martiny, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, concerning Chapter 55 of Title 5 of the United States Code relating to pay administration. In reviewing a draft bill under study by the Committee relating to premium pay for ammunition and explosive handlers, Mr. Martiny noted that the Agency has not been exempted from Section 5541 of Title 5 relating to premium pay and wanted to verify this determination. Since the Agency is not exempted from the terms of the act, he will word the proposed bill coverage to exclude the Agency. In part, Mr. Martiny also noted that this proposal probably will not go far but in any event could not be a vehicle for amending the basic act if the Agency desires formal exclusion at this time. I thanked Mr. Martiny for the call.

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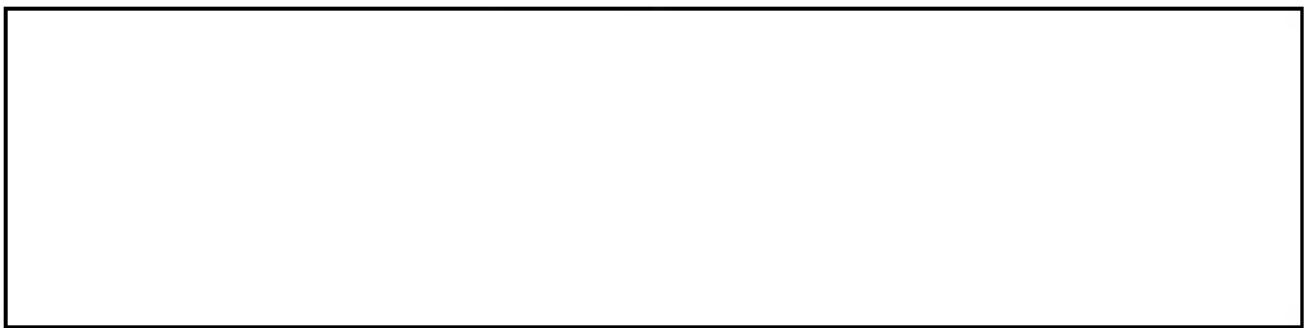
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2. (Confidential - JGO) Talked to [redacted] General 25X1 Counsel, NSA, who told me that Admiral Gayler, Director, NSA, met with Chairman Hanley, Employee Benefits Subcommittee, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, this morning and found him apparently receptive. Chairman Hanley accepted an invitation to NSA probably after he returns from a trip out of the country which will take him away from Washington from 23 April to 3 May. [redacted] told 25X1 me that he learned separately that Chairman Hanley intends at this time to schedule hearings on "Ervin bill legislation" starting around 11 May and running through 30 May. I thanked [redacted] for the 25X1 information.



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5. (Secret - JMM) Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, whom I briefed on Soviet ICBM deployment, ABM developments; ChiCom nuclear facilities; surface-to-air installations in Egypt; and Soviet "Salyut" launch.

I explained to Woodruff our plans for a solution to Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. He said he could not predict Senator Ellender's reaction to such a proposal, but at least initially it would probably be unfavorable. Woodruff offered his personal advice that the Agency should not use up its limited capital with Senator Ellender in order to save the Radios--that we 'might need it more later!'

6. (Secret - JMM) Talked to Mr. Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who said they would like to schedule the Director to appear before Senator Frank Church's Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs to discuss U.S. policies and programs in [redacted] on Tuesday or Wednesday, 25X1 4 or 5 May. Holt said that they would particularly like to make sure that

[redacted] is "in the vicinity." He said he considered [redacted] the outstanding U.S. expert [redacted] and even if he didn't actually testify the

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Subcommittee would like to have him available so the Director could refer questions to him if he so desired. I told Holt we wanted to be helpful but this was something we just couldn't do. As an alternative, I suggested he provide us with questions before the hearing on which we would be sure to get the benefit of any input [redacted] could provide before appearing. Holt said he thought this might work if we would be sure our answers to these questions were in no way coordinated with State or Defense. I said he could be sure our answers would be our own. He said he would try to get the Committee's approval in arranging this but could not make any commitment in advance.

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7. (Confidential - JMM) Called John Martiny, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee staff, to say that we had sent over a letter to Chairman Hanley, Employee Benefits Subcommittee, indicating our concern about legislation before his Subcommittee similar to the Ervin bill and suggesting that he note this letter and let us know when it would be possible for us to meet with him (Martiny) and Chairman Hanley to discuss our problem in more detail. He said hearings were already scheduled and he would be in touch with us shortly.

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Monday - 19 April 1971

1. (Secret - GLC) In a short meeting with Senator Margaret Chase Smith (R., Maine), I gave her the essential facts concerning new information on Soviet ICBM silos and the Moscow ABM system. I told the Senator we thought she would want this information prior to hearing the testimony of Defense witnesses this week and offered to have Mr. Duckett give her a detailed briefing at her earliest convenience. The Senator said she had wanted to contact us for a briefing last week, but just had been unable to arrange it. She expressed her thanks for the information and said she would be in touch with us about a briefing in the next few days.

2. (Confidential - GLC) Mr. Charles Kendrick, Administrative Assistant to Senator Peter Dominick (R., Colo.), called and said that on his recent trip to Denver he had questioned Colorado State tax authorities on the matter of exemption of CIARDS annuities under the State tax statutes. The tax people told Kendrick the Colorado law was specific in exempting only Federal Civil Service Retirement annuities and had to be strictly construed to exclude CIARDS and Foreign Service annuities. Kendrick said he planned to prepare a letter for the Senator's signature to the State tax authorities on the subject. I suggested that he press the issue on the ground that such an interpretation was discriminatory in its application against other Federal civil retirees who had retired under retirement programs comparable to the Civil Service Retirement Act. Kendrick said he would do this, but he feels this is a matter which will probably require amendment to the Colorado tax statutes.

3. (Confidential - GLC) Mr. Vince Rakestraw, Legislative Assistant to Senator William B. Saxbe (R., Ohio), visited the Agency for lunch. He expressed interest in the type of legislation which concerns the Agency and we briefed him on the nature of CIARDS amendments and problems on legislation like the Ervin bill and the Case resolution on the subject of international agreements. We will provide Rakestraw with a copy of our package outlining the problems which the Ervin bill poses for us.

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